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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**  
(Case No. 213.003-D1)

In the Application of: <b>YE ET AL.</b>	) Group Art Unit:
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Serial No: <b>DIVISIONAL OF 10/677,563</b>	) Examiner:
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Filed: <b>JANUARY 13, 2004</b>	)
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Title: <b>METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MONITORING</b>	)
<b>INTEGRATED CIRCUIT FABRICATION</b>	)

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of the above-referenced application, kindly amend the application as follows: